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Denied membership in white doctors' organization at Washington, the colored physicians of the District of Columbia have formed a society of their own, to which they have made white practitioners eligible.

At last Berlin has given the freedom of the streets to bicycles. A monster petition signed by thirty thousand names was presented to the municipality, and the police and the ministry of the interior consulted. A few very crowded streets are excepted.

A life insurance agent calculates that should Governor Levi P. Morton be elected President of the United States, the odds that he would live through his term would be 7 to 4. At 73 a man's expectation of life is a trifle over seven years, seven and one-tenth, to speak accurately. These are the figures deduced from the American life insurance tables, representing the actual mortality of insured men. This calculation does not take into account the wear and tear of the presidential office.

The plan to have a great botanical garden in Bronx park, New York, is now an assured success. The public spirited gentlemen who have the matter in charge have secured by private subscription the \$250,000 required by the act of incorporation. The city is now required by law to set aside 250 acres of Bronx park as a site for the garden and to contribute \$500,000 in money for the construction of buildings, etc. The enterprise will start, therefore, with \$750,000 in cash and 250 acres of particularly well located land. It is intended to swell the money capital to a million in the near future.

Nebraska farmers have just been deprived of one of their sources of revenue. Formerly they could bring suits against railroad companies for violations of the law requiring locomotive engineers to sound the whistle at highway crossings. The law gave half of the fine of \$50 to the informer, and thirty-one living near the railroads have made a good deal of money by watching the trains and making up cases against the unwary engineers. It has been their habit to let the cases accumulate, and one farmer secured a judgment at one time against the Omaha and Republican branch of the Union Pacific for 700 cases, amounting to \$3,500. The State Supreme court has just declared the law unconstitutional.

The dowager empress of China has had a very romantic history. She was the child of poor parents in the suburbs of Canton, and remarkable for her beauty. At a time when her parents did not know whence their daily bread was to come, she suggested that they sell her as a slave. This course was followed, and she became the property of a famous general. He was so enchanted with her beauty that he adopted her. When the general next went to Peking, he says a correspondent, the general offered his beautiful daughter to the emperor, and thereby won great favor. The young girl so charmed His Majesty by her looks and intelligence that he soon made her his wife. When the emperor died, the former slave became regent of the empire, and administered the national affairs better than almost any of her predecessors. She is considered one of the great women of her time.

The foundations for the new Chicago coliseum, a structure to cover an area of five and a half acres, are completed, and the first truss will be swung into position on Independence Day. The date set for the completion of the work is August 25. On account of the magnitude of this undertaking there is general interest in its plan and purpose. The Chicago Exhibition company has set out to construct a building which shall be capable of seating 15,000 people, and shall be large enough for any event that can be held under roof, anything, in short, from a champion football contest to a national political convention. The coliseum will have a rear interior space unobstructed by pillars. The exterior will be of brick. The roof will be supported by a series of massive ornamental iron

arches, the construction of which is particularly unique. The front and east walls of the structure are already up eight feet, and the iron work has been started from the foundry in Chicago. Three hundred and fifty workmen are on the ground, and as the iron work arrives 200 more will be employed. There has been only one change in the original plans of the structure, and that is in the building of the amphitheater within the building. This will be constructed in such a manner that it can be moved in sections, and so that lower tier of boxes can be entirely removed, allowing the space for a promenade, which will be necessary, as the society feature of proposed exhibitions.

THE KENTUCKY IDEA.

Not many moons ago Kentucky was looked upon as a free-silver stronghold. It was felt that there, if anywhere in the South, the great cause of free silver was safe. But there has been a change, and it is now plain that Kentucky is sound on the great question of the day in this country. The change has been brought about largely by the influence of Secretary Carlisle and the Louisville Courier-Journal. How great the change has been is indicated by the fact that the majority report of the committee on resolutions was adopted by a vote of 644 to 233, a majority of nearly three to one on the sound money side. The resolutions which found indorsement in this overwhelming fashion affirm, without qualification, the principles and policies declared by the national Democratic platform of 1892, declare that the present administration "is entitled to the thanks of the party for its honest, courageous and statesmanlike management of public affairs," and express "undiminished confidence in the Democracy and patriotism of President Grover Cleveland and his distinguished secretary, John G. Carlisle."

Although the candidate for governor is a man who has advocated free coinage his nomination is of no significance in that direction. He owes his victory to the support of many who like him personally better than his rival, and who were ready to humor the silverites by giving them a place whose incumbent has nothing to do with the coinage question when they had won their victory for the national office of United States Senator. They could afford to be generous. The whole affair is very encouraging, and shows the wisdom of the course taken by the President of the United States, when he showed his party what it ought to do about silver and boldly and honestly led the way.

A CURIOUS REVELATION.

It has been said that no man is great to his valet, and it may hereafter be said that no man is great to the governess of his children. The reason this may be said is that a German governess who was employed in the family of Count Tolstoy, the celebrated Russian writer, has made some remarks which indicate that Brother Tolstoy is not what he has been cracked up to be. The general idea of him is that he is a man who is so great that he lives in the most simple way, and lives not for himself, but for others. He preaches well, and it has been supposed that his preaching was based on his practice. But Frau Seuron makes him out to be very much like some other people who have not the reputation that he has. She says that he is no anchorite, convinced of the nothingness of the world, who has conquered himself and has turned his back on it in disdain, but a man who has carried his vanity over into the "new life" which he has fashioned after his own pattern. When he finds that his sins and his principles cannot be reconciled by any amount of discussion, he turns a somersault from his point of view, withdraws to his study, and begins, with all the more zeal, to set down in writing his laudations of the elementary principles of life which he has just outraged. After firmly refusing, for more than a year, to touch meat, he allowed his family to persuade him to eat poultry, though he maintained that he intended to adhere to his rules. But the attentive observer would hear the clatter of knife and fork in the dining room during the night, and the next morning the cold roast beef, which had been left on the table, would be found half devoured. Tolstoy never confessed to his sin of weak indulgence, but Frau Seuron declares that she is sure of her facts. He also indulged surreptitiously in a smoke, after preaching against it. She concludes that, while the count might be a temporary fanatic for abnegation, he was not built for a saint.

But the worst change which the German governess brings against the great Russian reformer is that he loves his dear peasants more theoretically than practically. His pockets were kept tightly buttoned, she says, even when a few kopecks would have afforded relief from distress. She relates how when the peasants of his village, Yasnaya Polyana, had but three spades among them, and lacked all the implements wherewith to cultivate the land, he refused to help them to buy the necessary tools. He said that "precisely this lack of implements made them lend to each other, and that was an act of helpful, brotherly love." "When the count, who was constantly talking and writing about brotherly love, talked with a begging peasant the despot of the sixteenth century awoke in him. It was as if abysses lay between them. An evil look came into the count's eyes, and

the petitioner went away shaking his head." In short, Frau Seuron thinks and says that Tolstoy is a humbug. Perhaps he is in some respects. And perhaps he is not in others. Many great men could not stand such scrutiny as appears to have been made of Tolstoy by the German governess. It is a good deal of a chore, as New Englanders say, to be great even a part of the time and in any way.

FASHION NOTES.

An Old Style That Becomes Young Shoulders.

Why the girls of '35 should suddenly decide that some of the fashions of years ago are as becoming to them as anything they can wear, is difficult to understand, perhaps, but the girls have done it, and few have the hardihood to say that they do not like the better for it. Dolly Varden styles are thus fearfully revived, and handsome cretonnes are seen thus made up. One of the prettiest of these is very like a Mother Hubbard, fastened shortwaist with a big ruffled muslin berthia over



the shoulders and out on the great sleeve puffs. Long mittens should meet the sleeves. Only very slender fingers can stand this sort of thing, and poke bonnets all adob with roses ought to be worn.

Another revival brings into view on feminine shoulders scarf fichus of the sort this picture presents. Topped by a youthful face, this accessory of the elderly produces a quaint effect that is just now deemed extremely desirable. That shown here is of blue and gold shot silk edged with a pinked ruffle of the same, and is round in back. Its ends are tucked in front into a high black satin belt finished with a big bow. Glace taffeta striped in blue and gold is the fabric of the dress beneath, its blouse waist fastening at the left side and having a high stock collar ornamented with two fancy buttons. Five tiny rills of black taffeta trim the hem of the godet skirt.

Very pretty blouse-front waists are made of scrim, which material comes in the popular ivory linen color and has a crispness that adapts itself nicely to the present fashions. It isn't inexpensive, but it lasts better than a regular dress goods at the same price.

FLORETTE.

WRONG.

"Don't you know, prisoner, that it's very wrong to steal a pig?" "I do now, your honor. They make such a row."—Tit-Bits.

"I don't believe Jack will ever learn to dance!" "Worse than that; he will never learn not to attempt it!"—Boston Budget.

Mother—Frank, what is baby crying about? Frank—I guess because I took his cake and showed him how to eat it.—Harper's Round Table.

Father—What do you mean, sir, by hugging my daughter? Jack—Ford—I was merely obeying the Biblical injunction to "hold fast that which is good."—Horien Life.

A German scientist says that thinking is one of the chief causes of wrinkles. Perhaps this explains how our congressmen preserve their good looks.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Professor—Can you tell me who was Aristophanes, and how long he lived? Student—I'd like to accommodate you, Professor, but the truth is I don't know as much about him as you do.—Texas Sittings.

A Man of Tact.—She—Do you mean to say that you would never vote for a woman for any office? He—Oh, I can conceive of circumstances under which I should be glad to support a feminine candidate.—Harlem Life.

Clerk—You will need twelve yards for a bathing suit, miss. Fair Customer—Gracious! Why last year I only took three. Clerk—I know, but this year they are wearing them with puffed sleeves.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Pretty Girl—I'm engaged to Mr. Je Shy. Envious rival—I'm astonished. "I thought you would be." "Yes; everybody said that he was so bashful that only an experienced widow could bag him."—New York Weekly.

"Be good," said Mrs. Dolan, "that boy Pat of ours'll soon be known 'more than his father does." "O'f! never mind that," replied Dolan, "if he'll go ahead an' know it for sure instead av only thinkin' he does."—Washington Star.

"Tommy," cried Tommy's mother from the window, "didn't I tell you not to sit down on the damp grass?" "Yes, mamma," returned Tommy. "I ain't a-doin it. I wiped this grass off with a towel before I sat down."—Harper's Bazar.

"Can you trust me for a glass of beer until day after tomorrow at half-past twelve?" he asked, as he came over from the free-lunch counter. "No, sir," said the bartender, with hopeless emphasis. "I'm sorry! It seems kinder small for a man to eat a lot of free lunch an' then not buy anything to drink." And he went slowly on.—Puck.

A Paris Flower Festival.

It would be an easy matter to hold a fête of flowers at Los Angeles or at Nice, or in any small city or watering-place, where all the participants would

know one another and the masses would be content to act as spectators; but to venture on such a spectacle, and to throw it open to any one who pays a few francs, in as great a city as Paris, requires, first of all, the highest executive ability before the artistic and pictorial side of the affair is considered at all, and the most hearty co-operation of the state or local government with the citizens who have it in hand.

On the day of the fête the Allée du Jardin d'Acclimatation in the Bois is reserved absolutely for the combatants in this annual battle of flowers, which begins at four o'clock in the afternoon and lasts uninterruptedly until dinner-time. Each of the cross-roads leading up to the Allée is barricaded, and carriages are allowed to enter or to depart only at either end. This leaves an open stretch of road several miles in extent, and wide enough for four rows of carriages to pass one another at the same moment. Thick woods line the Allée on its either side, and the branches of the trees almost touch above it. Beneath the shade and the air is filled with the flying missiles and shrieks of laughter and the most graceful of compliments and good-natured blague. At every fifty yards stands a high arch, twined with festoons trailing from one arch to the next, and temporary flag-poles flying long banners of the tricolor, and holding shields which bear the monogram of the republic. 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